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THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
THE RED HOUSE,
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To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District.

Mr Chairman, Mesdames Burgess, Gillespie,
Meeson and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the health and
vital statistics of the Barnstaple Rural District for the
year 1964.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health
Committee for their help and interest in the work of the
department and also to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector
and Staff for their co-operation during the year.

Your obedient Servant,

E. WILLIAMS,
Medical Officer of Health.

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E. Masters.

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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The chief occupations of the district are:-

- (i) Agriculture
- (ii) Catering for visitors

The locality may be regarded as purely non-industrial and employment is on the whole steady.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the Barnstaple Rural District

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	...	...	...	129,346
Population (Registrar-General's Mid-Year Estimate)				26,670
Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	8,378
Number of Council Owned Houses	...	...	...	659
Density of persons per House	...	...	...	3.2
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£766,483
Value of a Penny Rate (Estimate)			...	£3129.14.9d

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	...	...	...	428
Live Births, rate per 1000 population			...	16.05
Live Births, rate per 1000 (corrected)			...	19.58
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births				5.6
Stillbirths	...	...	...	6
Stillbirths rate per 1000 live and still-births				13.82
Total Live and still-births	...	...	...	434
Infant Deaths under 1 year	...	...	...	6
Infant Mortality rate per 1000 live births				14.01
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1000 legitimate births				11.05
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1000 illegitimate births				41.66
Neo-Natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Total Live Births)			...	9.34

Early Neo-Natal mortality rate(deaths under 1 week per 1000 Total Live Births)	...	7.01
Peri-Natal mortality rate (Stillbirths & deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 Total Live & Stillbirths)		20.73
Maternal mortality (including abortion)		1
Deaths	... ..	325
Death rate per 1000 population	... ..	12.14
Death rate per 1000 population corrected	... ..	10.08

POPULATION TRENDS SINCE 1951

Year		Population	Live Births	Deaths
1951	Census	23,150	324	314
1952		23,030	342	322
1953		23,360	318	257
1954		23,410	346	296
1955		23,642	334	316
1956		24,070	343	302
1957		24,010	369	300
1958		24,370	362	276
1959		24,370	356	294
1960		25,050	365	272
1961	Census	25,290	338	299
1962		25,530	353	336
1963		26,020	434	329
1964		26,670	428	325

BIRTHS

During the year there were 428 live births in the rural area, of which 218 were males and 210 females.

Live Births:	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	206	198	404
Illegitimate	12	12	24
Total	218	210	428
Still Births:			
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Total	4	2	6

DEATHS

During the year there were 325 deaths as compared with 329 in the previous year. They included 170 males and 155 females.

The following table gives the causes of deaths:-

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1
Syphilitic Disease	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	12	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	19	13
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	-	2
Vascular lesions	17	30
Coronary disease, angina	49	21
Hypertension with heart disease	-	7
Other heart disease	28	35
Other circulatory disease	4	9
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	8	1
Bronchitis	5	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	10
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1
All other accidents	2	4
Suicide	3	-

NEO-NATAL DEATHS

This represents the number of deaths occurring in infants under the age of 4 weeks:-

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

During the year 6 infants (4 male and 2 female) died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 14.01.

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	2	-	2

DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

under 4 weeks ...	3	1	4
4 weeks to 1 year	1	1	2
1 year to 4 years	1	-	1
5 years to 14 years	1	1	2
15 years to 24 years	3	-	3
25 years to 34 years	2	1	3
35 years to 44 years	3	-	3
45 years to 54 years	11	5	16
55 years to 64 years	31	22	53
65 years to 74 years	44	42	86
75 years and over	70	82	152

CANCER DEATHS

There were 62 deaths from cancer during the year.

Cancer of stomach ...	4	6	10
Cancer of Lung and bronchus	12	-	12
Cancer of breast ...	-	4	4
Cancer of uterus ...	-	4	4
Others ...	19	13	32

DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER

	M	F		M	F
1951	1	-	1958	9	2
1952	5	1	1959	7	2
1953	5	2	1960	6	2
1954	5	1	1961	9	2
1955	5	-	1962	10	-
1956	7	-	1963	11	2
1957	8	2	1964	12	-

The total number of cancer deaths since 1951 is shown in the following table:

Year	Total No. of Deaths	- Cancer Deaths -		
		M	F	Total
1951	314	14	26	40
1952	322	26	29	55
1953	257	18	27	45
1954	296	20	30	50
1955	316	21	26	47
1956	302	25	30	55
1957	300	31	26	57
1958	276	21	22	43
1959	294	24	28	52
1960	272	20	21	41
1961	299	24	27	51
1962	336	34	37	71
1963	329	34	28	62
1964	325	35	27	62

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A total of 358 infectious disease notifications were received during the year. The majority of these (338) were measles cases, which occurred during the spring and the latter months of the year.

There were 2 cases of lung tuberculosis, both young women, one of whom had recently moved into the district and who already had a past history of the infection. There was one notification of non-pulmonary tuberculosis (Endometritis). No T.B. Milk borne infections occurred.

One paratyphoid was reported during the year. This occurred in a village where an occasional case is notified almost annually. The patient was discharged from hospital after three negative faecal and urine samples. Investigations were made to trace the source of infection without avail. Urine and faecal samples were taken from a known paratyphoids carrier in the village. This case was first reported several years ago. Both Faecal samples were reported as negative but the urine sample was still positive. The patient was offered treatment.

with antibiotics but refused.

Eight cases of sonne dysentery were reported. No cases of food poisoning occurred and there were no notifications of infantile paralysis or diphtheria.

Samples of milk were examined for Brucella Abortus infection. Out of 13 milk herds tested during the year, two were reported as positive. One milk supply was bottled and sold in the vicinity of the farm. This practice was stopped until the milk infection had been cleared. The milk of the other infected herd was delivered daily to a creamery. This supply was pasteurised until the infected cows could be identified and isolated.

Brucella Abortus infection in humans, or undulant fever as it is called, is not generally notifiable. One case came to my notice during the year. This was a 15 year old boy who had been ill some ten to twelve weeks before I was informed. My attention was drawn to another case some two years ago and although from enquiries amongst the general practitioners in the area, the disease is uncommon, I am informed by the local veterinary officers that the infection is fairly common amongst their profession. I think that with an increasing awareness to the disease, more cases will be recognised in rural areas.

The following table gives particulars of the infectious diseases notified during the year:-

Measles	...	308
Sonne Dysentery		8
Acute Primary Pneumonia		9
Scarlet Fever	...	14
Paratyphoid	...	1
Erysipelus	...	3
Whooping Cough	...	12

Two cases of lung tuberculosis and one non-pulmonary notified in accordance with the regulations were as follows:-

Age Period	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
1 - 5 years ...	-	-	-	-
5 -14 years ...	-	-	-	-
15 -24 years ...	-	-	-	-
25 -44 years ...	-	2	-	1
45 -64 years ...	-	-	-	-
65 & over ...	-	-	-	-

One case of Renal Tuberculosis notified was later withdrawn.

LUNG TUBERCULOSIS - DISTRIBUTION OF CASES

Braunton	...	2
Marwood	...	1

The following table shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register on 1st January and 31st December 1964:-

Year 1964	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1st January	55	33	88	9	12	21
31st December	50	31	81	8	13	21

INCIDENCE OF PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS SINCE 1951

Year	No.of Cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Case Rate per 1000 Population	No. of Death Deaths per 1000 Population	Non- Pulmonary
1951	23	0.99	7	0.30
1952	21	0.91	6	0.26
1953	24	1.03	3	0.12
1954	11	0.47	-	-
1955	4	0.17	-	-
1956	7	0.29	-	-
1957	5	0.20	1	0.04
1958	5	0.20	1	0.04
1959	4	0.16	1	0.04
1960	6	0.23	-	-
1961	5	0.20	1	0.04
1962	5	0.23	-	-
1963	2	0.075	-	-
1964	2	0.074	-	.037

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

TUBERCULOSIS

All tubercular cases are treated at Hawkmoor Hospital.

MATERNITY CASES

At the North Devon Infirmary, there is a ward of 14 beds, with a fully qualified staff available for cases of doubt and difficulty.

A General Practitioners' Maternity Unit of 13 beds is situated at "Highfield", Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

At Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, there are 24 beds for Maternity and Ante-natal patients.

ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There is an Infectious Diseases Isolation Hospital at Bideford, the Kingsley Hospital, which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

SMALLPOX

The Smallpox Hospital to which any cases of smallpox will be sent is Upton Pine Hospital, near Exeter. Special ambulance transport can be obtained by contacting the Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter. (Telephone 67158)

GENERAL

The North Devon Infirmary, situated at Barnstaple, serves the area and provides modern medical and surgical treatment for the residents of the district.

Two wards with a total of 33 beds at the Alexandra Hospital are set aside as an annexe to the wards of the North Devon Infirmary and post-operative and recovery patients are now transferred there as soon as possible.

There are 100 beds for the chronic sick at Alexandra Hospital.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The main laboratory is situated at Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter and Dr. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative services are available for all patients. Bacteriological examinations of drinking water and milk are also carried out.

There is also a Pathological Laboratory at 75, Boutport Street, Barnstaple.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

V. D. Clinic.

This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Sessions	Females	Males
Monday	4.0 p.m.	5.15 p.m.
Thursday	4.30 p.m.	5.45 p.m.

Chest Clinic.

The Chest Clinic is held at the North Devon Infirmary Glossop Annexe.

Sessions		Clinic and X-Ray Examinations.
Tuesdays	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)	
Wednesdays	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)	

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Under Section 27 of the National Health Act, 1945, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council) is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Brigade serves Barnstaple Borough and the district around, and the Headquarters are in Commercial Road, Barnstaple. The staff consists of three paid members (full-time), 20 men volunteers and 14 volunteer nurses. The Hospital car service, also under the Devon County Council, is available upon application to the Hospital by the doctor concerned, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when the ambulance is not necessary.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOMES

There are nine District Nurses in the area, all of whom act as Midwives.

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION

Protective immunization and vaccination against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox and Poliomyelitis, are undertaken by the General Practitioners and at the Infant Welfare and School Clinics. There are four Infant Welfare Clinics organised by the Devon County Health Authority within the district. These are held as follows:-

Fremington- Parish Hall: 2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons.

Braunton- Parish Hall: Thursday afternoons.

Combe Martin-Baptist Chapel Rooms: 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons.

Woolacombe-Methodist Hall: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1953. SECTION 47.

During the year no elderly person was removed compulsorily under this Act from his or her home to a County Welfare Establishment or hospital. Owing to the shortage of accommodation for the elderly at the Welfare Homes, these persons, who because of their age and inability to fend for themselves and who are anxious to get into a Welfare Home voluntarily may have to wait some weeks before being admitted. The Home Help Service is always available to provide assistance to the elderly to remain in their own homes. Unfortunately in a rural area such as this, many of the aged live in remote and isolated positions where no Home Help is available, and such dwellings are often substandard and would be classified as unfit under Section 4 of the 1959 Housing Act. Many are most reluctant to leave their homes, however much they lack in essential amenities such as internal water, flush W.C. etc., and until suitable dwellings are available, they remain as they are.

A number of bungalows for the elderly have already been built in the Rural District but so far the numbers are inadequate. Approval has now been obtained for a scheme to build sixteen two bedroom flatlets and eleven one bedroom bungalows in a cul-de-sac in the Bickington area. No resident Warden

scheme is envisaged. Such a scheme will allow the rehousing of some of our aged who live in these isolated substandard dwellings and will facilitate the provision of Home Helps where required.

HOUSING

During the year Closing or Demolition Orders were passed by the Council in respect of 4 dwellings. Six families were rehoused from unfit houses during the year.

The Council approved of 25 applications for Standard Grant improvement to dwellings, 14 of which were in respect of owner/occupiers and 11 in the case of dwellings let to tenants.

The Council also approved of 20 applications for Discretionary Grants, 10 of which were for owner/occupiers, and 10 tenanted.

Three Council dwellings were erected during the year. Plans are in hand for a further 20 dwellings at Braunton, 17 at Heanton and 27 at Bickington.

The total number of applicants for Council dwellings at 31st December, 1964, was 302 as compared with 236 in December, 1963.

WATER SUPPLIES

During 1964 the North Devon Water Board provided mains water to a further 420 domestic dwellings and 26 farms in the rural area.

A start was made in the laying of a mains water supply to Brendon, this supply being taken from the Lynton and Lynmouth Water Works.

A mains water supply was also extended to Arlington, Loxhore, Lower Loxhore and Shirwell. All villages in the area are now on mains water supply, with the exception of Challacombe.

The following table shows the existing water supplies in the various parishes:-

Parish	Population 1961 Census	
Arlington	121	Small hamlet-scattered dwellings-main supply.
Ashford	192	Compact village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Atherington	360	Compact village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Berrynarbor	626	Compact village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Bishops Tawton	1056	Compact village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Bittadon	45	Isolated dwellings-on well water supply. Scheme being prepared for mains supply.
Bratton Fleming	488	Village-main water-North Devon Water Board.
Braunton	4303	Large village-main supply-North Devon Water Board. Proposed extension to Lobb.
Brendon	213	Small hamlet & scattered dwellings-private supplies-springs. Scheme for mains supply in progress.
Challacombe	153	Small hamlet-springs & wells-private supplies.
Combe Martin	2228	Large village-mains water-North Devon Water Board.
Countisbury	80	Hamlet & scattered dwellings-private supplies - springs.
East Down	213	Hamlet-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Fremington	4409	Large village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Georgeham	1018	Large village-main supply-North Devon Water Board. Extension of main to Putsborough completed.
Goodleigh	219	Village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Heanton Punchardon	931	Village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
High Bray	150	Village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.

Horwood	79	Hamlet-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Instow	782	Village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Kentisbury	270	Village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
landkey	824	Village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Loxhore	141	Main supply - North Devon Water Board Lower Loxhore - ditto.
Martinhoe	149	Hamlet & scattered dwellings-private wells and springs.
Marwood	584	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Mortehoe	1289	Village-main supply-North Devon Water Board.
Newton Tracey	92	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Parracombe	309	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Pilton West	126	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Shirwell	359	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Stoke Rivers	128	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Swimbridge	910	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Tawstock	1285	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Trentishoe	47	Hamlet - springs
West Down	514	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.
Westleigh	380	Main supply - North Devon Water Board.

52 Water samples were taken during the year, of which 21 were satisfactory.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR ENGINEER and BUILDING SURVEYOR

THE RED HOUSE,
CASTLE STREET,
BARNSTAPLE.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my 19th Annual Report for the year 1964.

There are 36 Parishes in the Barnstaple Rural District, 129,346 acres in extent. The basic population is 26,670, but the influx of summer visitors causes a wide variation and no information is available as to the summer population.

The number of properties is:-	1964	1963
No. of houses and flats (including 1113 agricultural dwelling houses and 659 Council Houses)	8682	8263
No. of Caravan Sites-1 caravan only, residential	13	-
No. of commercial premises, e.g. shops with dwelling accommodation, banks, lock-ups, hotels, boarding houses, garages etc.	1015	939
No. of Public Houses including Beer Houses	49	49
No. of Entertainment and recreational premises, e.g. Cinemas, golf clubs, dance halls, swimming pools etc.	69	72

No. of Educational and Cultural premises, e.g. schools, colleges, libraries etc.	34	35
No. of miscellaneous properties, e.g. Crown properties, clinics, nursing homes etc.	322	292
No. of industrial premises, e.g. factories, mills etc.	26	27
No. of Public Utility premises	35	34

The Braunton sewerage and sewage disposal scheme was completed during the year and the discharge of crude sewage into Vellator Pill ceased. Vellator Pill has been the natural disposal point of sewage from Braunton ever since the village was provided with a sewer and the Council decided to have a scheme prepared as long ago as 1937.

It is possible at last to report some progress on the Landkey, Swimbridge and Bishops Tawton scheme. The preparation of this scheme has reached an advanced stage and it is hoped that the Minister will investigate the scheme early in 1965.

By the employment of Mr. Chapman in the Surveyor's Department, it has been possible to commence the preparation of sewerage schemes within the department and a scheme for Wrafton, which forms an extension of the Braunton scheme, has been prepared and is ready for tender, and it is hoped that work will commence in May 1965.

In addition, a report on the smaller villages requiring sewerage systems has been made to, and accepted by, the Council and the preparation of the first of ten such schemes (that for Milltown and Muddiford) is in hand.

Plans have also been prepared for the provision of a humus tank at Atherington Sewage Works in an effort to improve the effluent and work will commence early in 1965 on this project also.

The Regulations requiring 100% meat inspection has again taken up much of the time of the Public Health staff and without the help of private veterinary surgeons it would have

been impossible to cope with the demand. Every effort has been made to augment the staff for this purpose, but to date without avail.

1964 followed the pattern of previous years in so far as estate development is concerned and the statistics included in the Building Surveyor's report reveal a steady increase in this branch of the work.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 again claimed a considerable amount of time during 1964, but I am pleased to say that the co-operation of the site owners was everything required and the sites throughout the district are now of a very satisfactory standard.

The main concentrations of caravanning and camping were in the Woolacombe, Croyde Bay, Berrynarbor and Combe Martin areas and, whilst approved static holiday sites appear to meet the demand, there is a growing shortage of approved sites for touring caravans and tents and during the past summer season, the the excess number of tents over and above approved sites was as follows:-

Berrynarbor and Combe Martin	389
Croyde	185
Mortehoe and Woolacombe	431
Braunton and district	178

Both the planning authority and the Council are giving earnest consideration to the provision of additional sites and meetings have already taken place with the appropriate officers of the Devon County Council and the secretary of the Camping Club of Great Britain to this end.

LIST OF LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

Site	Total	Residential Touring
Pine Cones, Woolacombe	50	
Berrynarbor Trailer Park	50	
Seabirds, Croyde	6	
East Cottage, Bickington	23	
Fortescue, Mortehoe	15	
Dune View, Braunton	56	
Glenavon, Combe Martin	100	

Site	Total	Residential Touring
Twitchen, Morteheo	275	(O.S.449) 68
Woolacombe Bay Caravan Park	245	62
Cleavewood House, Woolacombe	60	
Burrows Mead, Croyde	150	
Lundy Meadow, Croyde	60	(Operated by the C.C.) 60
Woolacombe Sands Caravan Park	70	
North Morte Farm, Morteheo	73	
Lorna Doone, Parracombe	20	20
Ruda, Croyde	280	1
Mount View, Landkey	24	24
Chivenor Cross	25	25
Score Farm, Braunton	22	22
Down End, Croyde	30	6
Lagoon View, Yelland	200	5
Watermouth Caves, Berrynarbor	61	
Barn Close, Georgeham	2	1
The Grange, Kentisbury	61	
Sandaway, Berrynarbor	90	
Midlands, Ashford	63	
Putsborough	20	20

The following sites hold certificates from the Caravan Club of Great Britain and are permitted to accommodate not more than five caravans at any one time:-

Hillsford House, Hillsford Bridge.
 Bay View Garage, Landkey Road.
 West End Farm, Georgeham.
 Brookham Farm, Fremington.
 Bestridge Farm, Swimbridge.
 East Down Rectory, East Down.
 Ensis, Harracott.
 Heddon Mills, Braunton.
 Wheel Farm, Berrynarbor.
 Tuckers Farm, Georgeham.
 Hore Down Farm, Bittadon.
 Roadway Farm, Woolacombe.
 Riversmead, Snapper.

From surveys carried out by both the Divisional Planning Department and my own, the number of caravans, tents and chalets used for holiday accommodation in the rural district is as follows:-

Caravans	Tents	Chalets
2,123	1,482	313

The main concentrations were as follows:-

Locality	Static Holiday	Tourist	Tents	Chalets
Woolacombe	680(6%)	119(6%)	401(4%)	-
Croyde Bay	450(4%)	110(6%)	228(2%)	229(4%)
Berrynarbor	-	-	426(5%)	-

I again have to report the lack of sufficient sites for the disposal of refuse, although an additional large site was opened during the year at the Old Claypits, near Bickington. At the same time, the tip which has been in use for some years at Chivenor was closed.

Arrangements have been made to augment the refuse collection service and two additional vehicles are on order for delivery on the 1st April, after which all villages now receiving a fortnightly collection will have a weekly collection.

As from early May, 1965, every village will receive a weekly collection, the outlying rural areas fortnightly, and during the summer months, the coastal villages twice weekly, and the Council can be justly proud of the efficient refuse collection service provided throughout the rural area.

In addition, the majority of lay-bys and other places beside the public highways where vehicles may pull in have been provided with litter bins during the summer months and these are emptied two or three times a week. At the request of the County Highways Department, litter bins are being left all the year round in lay-bys on main roads.

The department works in close conjunction with the National Parks Committee and the County Main Roads Committee in the siting of litter bins and the National Parks Committee makes an annual contribution towards the cost.

SUMMARY OF MEAT INSPECTIONS

Animals Inspected	Condemned Carcasses	Condemned Portions	
		T.B.	Other Causes
Sheep 86,605	366		5 Kidneys 4 Shoulders 3 Forequarters 2707 Livers 5 Hindquarters 122 Lungs 31 Legs
Pigs 10,190	22	248 Heads	2 Hindquarters 478 Livers 287 Lungs 1 Shoulder 121 Hearts 1 Hind Leg 1 Fore Leg 6 Kidneys
Beasts 1,380	-		10 Heads 2 Hind Legs 140 Livers 2 Tails 2 Skirts
Cows 635	19		6 Hearts 7 Heads 9 Lungs 43 Livers 3 Spleen 2 Hindquarters 6 Kidneys 2 Forequarters
Calves 1,376	17		

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS - 2 cows)
 - 8 heifers)-Head or heart affected.
 - 3 bullocks)

RODENT CONTROL REPORT

During the year 1,120 visits and inspections have been made to premises as follows:-

Private Dwellings	510
Business premises	420
Agricultural premises	190

75 premises did show above average rate infestation, mostly due to poultry. Advice was given where required.

54 complaints were received from householders. Infestation was traced and in all cases cleared by owners or contractors.

Monthly routine inspections of all refuse tips and sewage disposal areas was carried out, which has kept rat infestation under control.

The Council's 19 sewer systems were test baited during the spring. 5 systems were found to be slightly infested. These were poison treated twice during the year and proved clear.

With regular inspection of all suspected premises, the district has been kept clear of any heavy infestation of rats and the public have, on the whole, been very co-operative.

TOTAL NOTICES (SERVED AS UNDER)

Public Health Act	...	...	12
Housing Acts	...	...	4

SWIMMING POOLS

There are three swimming pools at the Primary Schools in the area, with one pool at a private school.

There are three other pools, two of which belong to hotels and one to a caravan site.

All are frequently inspected during the summer seasons.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Byelaws are in operation for the control of Offensive Trades. There is one in the district - the Tannery at Swimbridge.

UNDERGROUND SLEEPING ROOMS

There is no need for regulations in this area in respect of underground sleeping rooms.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Food Hygiene Regulations. 80 inspections of food premises were made during 1964. Attention was drawn to certain requirements in some premises and any necessary improvements were made without having to resort to formal action.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the visits to food shops and inspection of items of food for sale, certain items of tinned food have been condemned due to damage or rust or leakage.

PETROLEUM REGULATIONS

9 new tanks were put under air tests during the year. 2 failed on the first test but were repaired and all were then satisfactory.

No ullage tests were carried out in 1964.

FACTORIES ACT 1961 (SECTIONS 110 & 111) OUTWORK

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec. 110(i,c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of Instances of work in unwholesome Premises.	Notices served	Prosecutions
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Wearing Apparel (Making etc.)	10	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10	-	-	-	-	-

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors) FACTORIES ACT 1961 - PART 1 OF THE ACT

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Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. 	9	-	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. 	43	-	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	17	21	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	69	21	Nil	Nil

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

THE RED HOUSE,
CASTLE STREET,
BARNSTAPLE.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the following Report on the activities
of the Building Surveyor's Department during the year 1964:-

P L A N S

Details of Plans submitted	1964	1963	1962	1961
No. approved under Byelaws	85	97	104	86
No. disapproved under Byelaws	4	3	12	3
No. approved under Town Planning	719	456	550	568
No. refused under Town Planning	207	174	-	-
No decision given(enquiry & deferment)	14	25	163	121
No. withdrawn after formal submission	20	19	15	10
No. of houses completed during year				
(i) by Private Enterprise	292	214	217	194
(ii) by Local Authority (Goodleigh)	3	8	21	2
No. of houses under construction	208	141	-	-

COMPLETED DWELLINGS 1964

Ashford	4
Atherington	1
Berrynarbor	5
Bishops Tawton	9

Bratton Fleming	2
Braunton	71
Brendon	1
Combe Martin	14
East Down	1
Fremington	87
Georgeham	32
Goodleigh	10
Heanton Punchardon	4
Landkey	2
Marwood	2
Mortehoe	7
Shirwell	5
Swimbridge	3
Tawstock	31
Westleigh	1

I wish to record my thanks to the Members of the Council, the staff and members of my department for their help and support during the past year,

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. J. DENNIS

